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Applicant: SUMIKAWA, et al. Conf.: 2465
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SECOND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 19, 2003

Sir:

This is a Second Reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2002. A Petition for a two (2) month extension of time is included.

A Reply After Final was submitted on December 19, 2002.

In an Advisory Action dated January 23, 2003, the Examiner stated that the Request for Reconsideration was considered. Also, in Section 7 of the Advisory Action, box 7 was checked, and it is assumed that the previous Reply will be entered as there were no amendments in that Reply.

The present Reply is to respond to certain statements made in the Advisory Action regarding the base reference to Toyosawa.

For the convenience of the Examiner, enclosed is Attachment A. On the first page of Attachment A, a comparison of the present claims and the base reference are set forth. Also, on pages 2 and 3 is a description of the portion identified by asterisk in the table on page 1.

This further evidence has been provided to illustrate that Toyosawa's does not suggest what has been claimed.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

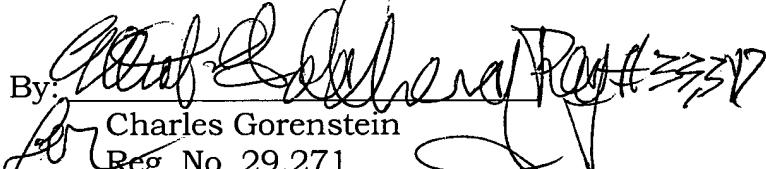
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$410.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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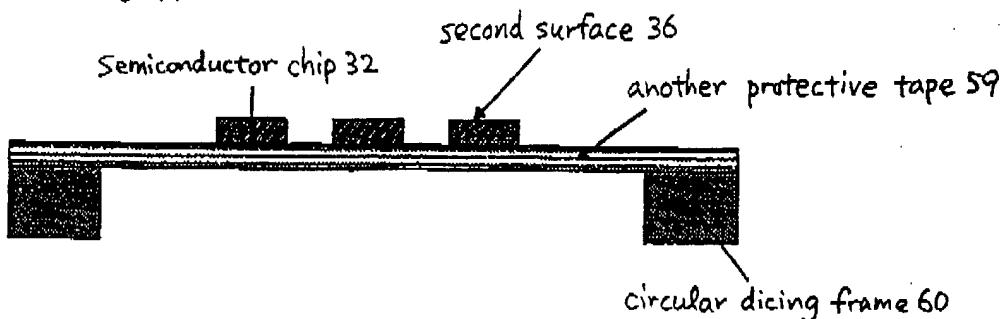
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ATTACHMENT A

	back surface reinforcement member in the present invention	Toyosawa's another protective tape (not shown)	commentary
position	a surface of a semiconductor substrate that is opposite a surface of the substrate provided with an external connection electrode	in contact with another surface 36 of a semiconductor chip	match, as described in the embodiments
when it is introduced	introduced in semiconductor device fabrication process (Fig. 1) & final product (Fig. 2)	introduced temporarily (only in a semiconductor device fabrication process; a final product is shown in Fig. 1, 2 with surface 36 having nothing thereon.)*	Different in that whether it exists in the final product.
material	resin (utilizing low resilience)	considered as resin.	considered the same.
effect	It follows bending of a thin semiconductor substrate to provide reinforcement. When a PCB having a semiconductor device mounted thereon receives force applied to bend it the member alleviates stress of a soldered connection to prevent fracture. It also prevents the substrate from cracking and having scratches (it provides protection).	Fixes (supports) chip 32 before the ILB step.* ILB step: the step of connecting 47 and 44.	Different

Toyosawa fails to explicitly describe how the protective tape is used. In general, a "protective tape (not shown)" affixed on "another surface 36 of semiconductor chip 32" before "an assembly process, or an ILB process, is performed" is referred to as a "pickup tape." We would provide below a description corresponding to the portion in the above table with an asterisk. We believe that the following description will clarify that the back surface reinforcement member of the present invention is distinguished from Toyosawa's protective tape.

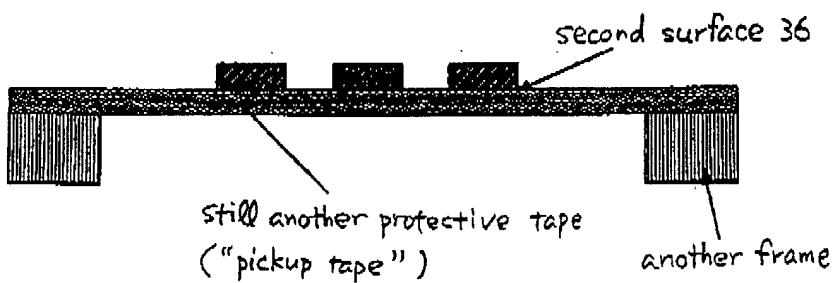
(1) Cross section of Fig.5(b)



(2) Etching ----> Washing in water> Drying

".... thereby simultaneously removing the grinding scratches 35 on the second surfaces 36 of the semiconductor chips 32 and the dicing scratches 37 on the peripheries of the semiconductor chips 32." (Col. 22, lines 22-25 in Toyosawa)

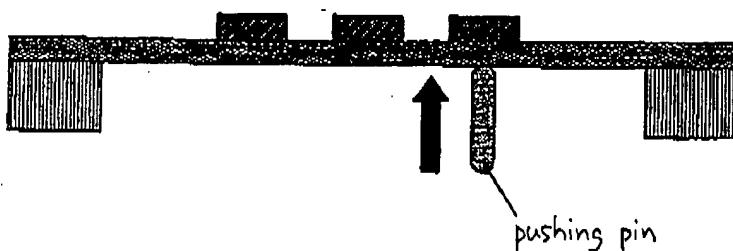
(3) "Then, the semiconductor chips 32 are again moved as they are so that the second surfaces 36 of the semiconductor chip 32 are in contact with still another protective tape (not shown)." (Col. 22, lines 27-30 in Toyosawa)



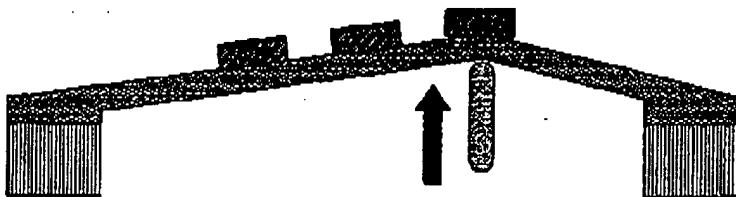
"Then, the ILB process included in the assembling process is performed." (Col. 22, lines 30-31 in Toyosawa)

Ordinary Process till ILB (Inner Lead Bonding) process

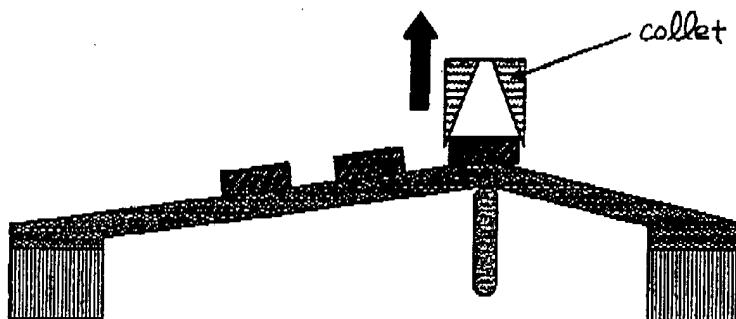
1. Pressing the pickup tape with a pushing pin from below at the position of the semiconductor chip to be picked out.



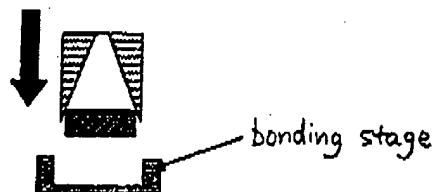
2. With pressing with a pushing pin, the pickup tape stretches elastically because it is made of resin. It comes to be easy to pick the semiconductor chip out because the second surface 36 partly comes off the pickup tape.



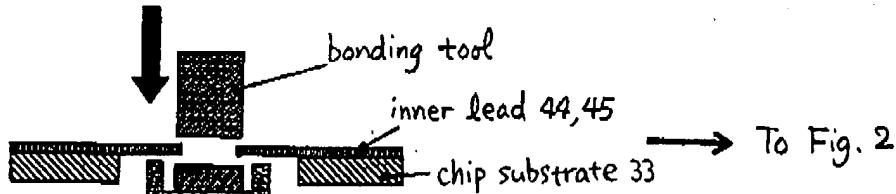
3. Picking the semiconductor chip by vacuum holding with a collet. Then, the semiconductor chip separates from the pickup tape.



4. The semiconductor chip is transferred onto a bonding stage. Of course, there is no tapes on the second surface of the semiconductor chip.



5. Performing ILB process.



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Transmitted herewith is a Second Reply in the above-identified application.

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- Petition for two (2) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$410.00 for the extension of time.
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